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Final decree was entered in the cause of A. M. Donahue against T. M. Donahue, approving a special commissioner's distribution of funds.

Sale was confirmed in the cause of John S. Stump, administrator, against the American Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

In the cause of Speer and Company against John Lee and others, sale was decreed.

In the cause of Isaac L. Davison and others against Herbert Hutson, Levi S. Smith, M. A. Dennison and J. E. Hooper were named to partition lands, if the same may be made.

Program is Announced for Gathering to Be Held Here Next Week.

The program for the state rally of the Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees of West Virginia, which will be held in the Waldo hotel here May 10 and 11, has been announced as follows:

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Response—Mrs. Helen T. Burt, of Ypsilanti, Mich. Delegates' reports for year 1915.

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MARBLE THEFT IS CLEARED UP

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Through good detective work on the part of L. L. White, plain clothes man of the city police department, 2,600 marbles which had been stolen from a freight car which was being loaded at the Akro Agate Company's plant on the Western railroad Tuesday night, were recovered Friday morning.

Five youths who were arrested by Mr. White in connection with the robbery, were released. Officials of the marble company said they would not prosecute the boys on account of their youth.

The boys arrested were Pete Armour, age 14, Joe Friedman, 13, Alvin Davis, 13, Jacob Ferroto, 13, and Dale Nutter, 9. Armour was said by the police to have been the ring leader of the gang.

The cartons containing the marbles were taken from the car to a point on a hill a few yards from the factory and there emptied into bags that the boys had for the purpose, according to the police.

Detective White was only notified of the robbery Thursday morning but he began his investigation at once with the result that he had the boys under arrest Friday morning. All of the stolen marbles were recovered.

Officials of the marble company were highly pleased with the quick manner in which Detective White cleared up the case.

BALLOON DESTROYED By One of the Light British Cruiser Squadrons Off Schleswig Coast.

LONDON, May 5.—A Zeppelin dirigible balloon was destroyed Thursday by one of the British light cruiser squadrons off the Schleswig coast, says an official announcement issued by the government today.

This is the second Zeppelin to be destroyed in two days. The Zeppelin L-20 was blown ashore on the Norwegian coast on Wednesday after returning from a raid on the east coast of England and Scotland Tuesday night. When the disabled balloon began to be carried away by a strong wind, the Norwegian military authorities at Steavanger blew up the air vessel.

SCHOONER BURNED By German Cruisers but Crew is Saved, Says a Despatch from Copenhagen.

LONDON, May 5.—The Norwegian schooner Mars while bound for England with pit props was stopped and burned by a German cruiser, says a despatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The crew was saved.

General Scandinavian opinion, the despatch adds, is that German submarine warfare against merchant shipping is on the wane.

WATSON FINED. For drunkenness and disorderly conduct at his home on South Chestnut street Thursday, Thomas Watson paid a fine of \$11.66 in police court Friday morning. He was arrested by Officers Donahue and Howe.

GOES TO SANATORIUM. Mrs. C. W. Davidson left on train No. 7 this morning for the state sanatorium at Terra Alta, where she will undergo treatment for tuberculosis.

GENERAL CONFERENCE TO MEET THIS MONTH West Virginia Will Be Represented by Ten Ministers and Ten Laymen.

The general conference of the Methodist Protestant church will meet in quadriennial session in Zanesville, O., May 19, with delegates from forty conferences in the United States. The church also sustains missions in China and Japan which will be represented.

The Methodist Protestant church makes no apologies for its existence, although it is counted among the smaller bodies of Methodists. In doctrine it recognizes Jesus Christ as the only God of the church and the Word of God as the only rule for faith and practice. In policy it is unique among other Methodist churches. It is truly American with its government "of the people, for the people and by the people." General Grant said: "The most American church in America." Its principles, which must always be at the foundation of all laws of a free people, began to be agitated immediately upon the organization of the Methodists of America about the time of the Revolutionary war, although the Methodist Protestant church was not organized until 1828, the founders determining to stand in that liberty where with Wesley said "God had so strangely made them free." Its law-making body and court of final resort is the general conference, which is composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen sitting together in one body with equal rights. This body elects a president and an executive committee which continue in office four years. No change can be made in the constitution without first submitting the question to the annual conference by way of an overture and it must receive a majority vote of two-thirds of all the annual conferences and so certified by the president to become a law. The church has no bishops nor presiding elders. Each annual conference elects a president from its own body for a term of one year and a standing district committee to which the business of the conference is referred during the interim of its sessions. All church property, except schools and colleges, is owned and controlled by the local congregation without interference from any source whatever.

The West Virginia annual conference will be represented in the general conference at Zanesville by ten ministers and ten laymen elected by the annual conference which held its sessions in Grafton last August.

The conference will be in session about two weeks and will elect officers of all the official papers and Sunday school literature. It will elect the various boards of the church and a secretary-treasurer of each. Among the important measures to be considered will be one to group and officer all the annual conferences of the great Southwest for more aggressive work. The educational interests of the church will be at the front and many other important matters will call for consideration.

And Elkins, Ogden and Mann Are Chosen Along with the Chief Executive.

HOGUE IS AN ALTERNATE Republican State Delegate Convention Marked with Harmony and Enthusiasm.

Wheeling, May 5.—Amid scenes of enthusiasm and without the semblance of a contest, West Virginia Republicans Thursday afternoon in their state delegate convention elected four delegates at large and four alternates at large to the Chicago national convention, who, while untested, are believed to be favorable to the presidential candidacy of former Senator Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio. The convention's selections are:

Delegates at large—Governor Henry D. Hatfield, of McDowell county; Isaac T. Mann, of Mercer county; former Senator Davis Elkins, of Monongalia county; Herschel C. Ogden, of Ohio county.

Alternates at large—John Cummins, of Ohio county; Lucius Hoge, Jr., of Harrison county; Charles E. Mitchell, of Kanawha county, (colored); M. T. Whitlock, of McDowell county, (colored).

Miss Funk of Chicago, made a woman suffrage speech that was enthusiastically received.

In addition to the four delegates at large who were chosen without a contest, the name of Fred Paul Grosscup, of Kanawha county, had been proposed, but Mr. Grosscup withdrew in the interest of harmony, incidentally making a patriotic speech that brought cheers.

The result of the convention was regarded by political observers as an absolute indication of the strength of the two candidates for the Republican nomination for governor. Hatfield, Elkins and Ogden are known to favor Judge Robinson for the nomination, while Mann is said to favor Attorney General Lilly. Robinson leaders claimed ability to name all the delegates-at-large but conceded in the interest of party harmony. The resolution endorsing the state administration also was taken as a blow to the candidacy of the attorney general, as Mr. Lilly is an anti-administration candidate.

The following resolution, introduced by Judge Reese Blizzard, of Parkersburg, was adopted amid cheers:

"Resolved, That the splendid and great Republican administration of Governor Henry D. Hatfield be and the same hereby is unequivocally and most earnestly approved by this convention."

When the question was put only two dissenting voices were heard. Just previously Judge Blizzard had introduced a resolution commending the work of National Committeeman Virgil L. Highland, of Clarksburg, and instructing the delegates to Chicago to re-elect him as West Virginia's member of the national committee. This resolution, also, was unanimously adopted.

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BATTLE IS FOUGHT IN ADRIATIC SEA

WORKMEN BACK

To Work in Plants by the Hundreds Now and All is Quiet at This Hour.

PITTSBURGH, May 5.—A few workmen entered the shop of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company at East Pittsburgh this morning and hundreds of workmen who had feared to enter the various Bradock plants visited by the mob Tuesday were back in their places. Cavalry patrolled the streets and infantry was on duty at the plants. There was no semblance of disorder.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION. The annual convention of the West Virginia Federation of Labor will be held at Huntington Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. George N. Kollman of the barbers' union and Lockwood Emmons, of the Clarksburg Central Trades and Labor Council, will be among the Clarksburgers in attendance. They will go to Huntington Sunday.

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The statement follows: "On the afternoon of May 3 an Austro-Hungarian air squadron bombarded with good effect the barracks and a sulphur factory at Ravenna. Flames were observed at the sulphur factory and a railroad station. The aeroplanes were shelled heavily by two batteries of anti-aircraft guns but returned unharmed."

"At the same time a reconnoitering squadron of torpedo boats met four of the enemy's destroyers. A combat at long range ensued but it was without effect as the superior speed of the enemy's warships did not permit approach to them. Several aeroplanes joined the combat and fired with machine guns at the enemy's ships."

FRENCH WIN More Over the Germans in the Fighting in the Region of Verdun Fortress.

PARIS, May 5.—West of the Meuse the Germans yesterday evening strongly attacked the French positions north of Hill 304, says the official statement of today, but they were repulsed along the whole front attacked, except in one or two points in the advanced trenches.

An attempted attack on the trenches at Cappy, south of the Somme, the statement adds, completely failed.

East of the Meuse and in the Woerwe there was an intermittent bombardment. Otherwise the front was comparatively calm.

TEN PIN MATCHES. Two ten pin matches are scheduled for I. M. alleys Friday night and some large scores are expected. The first match will be a five man event between Adamston and Hazel Atlas Glass Company teams. The second match will be between Ingram and son and Mitchell and Renshaw. This will be a five-game match.

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